



# THE CSS POINT

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## Sentence Correction 2000 to 2012

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### Paper - 2000

**Q: Correct the following sentences:**

(a) The lake freezed rapidly.

Ans: The Lake **froze** rapidly.

(b) The firm was unwilling to forego its usual commission.

Ans: The firm was unwilling to **let go** its usual commission

(c) We watched the lambs gamble on the green.

Ans: We watched the lambs **grazing** on the green

(d) He belonged to the gild of carpenters.

Ans: He belonged to the **guild** of carpenters

(e) He hadn't ought to have spoken.

Ans: He **ought not** to have spoken.

(f) Is this his half – brother?

Ans: Is **he** his half – brother?

(g) Hay! Watch out for the car!

Ans: **Hey!** Watch out for the car!

(h) This is **the historical** spot where he was shot dead.

Ans: This is **the historic** spot where he was shot dead.

(i) We bought a Japanee print.

Ans: We bought a **Japanese** print.

(j) Fresh flowers smell sweetly.

Ans: Fresh flowers smell **sweet**

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### Note:

(a) Use of correct 3<sup>rd</sup> form of verb

(e) "Ought to" loses the "to" in the negative. Instead of "ought not to," we say "ought not."

(h) Historic means "important," "momentous," or "historically significant." Historical means "relating to the past."

(j) Use of Adverb / Adjective



### Paper - 2001

**Q: Correct the following sentences.**

(a) His wisdom consisted of his handling the dangerous situation successfully.

Ans: His wisdom consisted of **his** handling the dangerous situation successfully.

(b) Many a girls were appearing in the examination.

Ans: Many a girl **was** appearing in the examination.

(c) The vehicles run fastly on the Motorway.

Ans: The vehicles run **fast** on the Motorway.

(d) Smoking is injurious for health.

Ans: Smoking is injurious **to** health.

(e) He availed of this situation very intelligently.

Ans: He availed **himself** of this situation very intelligently.

(f) The black vermin is an odious creature.

Ans: The black vermin **are** an odious creature.

(g) What to speak of meat, even, vegetables were not available now.

Ans: Not to speak of meat, even vegetables were not available there.

(h) No sooner we left our home when it started raining.

Ans: No sooner **did** we **leave** our home **than** it started raining.

(i) Little money I had I spent on the way.

Ans: **The** Little money **that** I had I spent on the way. **Or** I spent the little money I had on the way

(j) The criminal was sent on the goal.

Ans: The criminal was sent **to** the **gaol**.

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### **Note:**

(b) Use the singular verb with "many a" Use singular pronouns to go with the construction also: "Many a man has lost his life at sea." Burchfield describes this construction as "notionally plural" but singular in usage.

(c) Fasly is wrong word, we can use fast as adverb as well as adjective.

(d) use of right preposition

(e) Verb such as "avail" immediately takes reflexive pronouns after them.

(f) Vermin means Wild mammals and birds that are believed to be harmful to crops

(h) Check the use of no sooner ... than



### Paper - 2002

#### Q: Correct the following sentences:

1. I shall not come here unless you will not call me.

Ans: I shall not come here unless you call me.

2. He does not have some devotion for the project you have given him.

Ans: He does not have **any** devotion for the project you have given him.

3 I went to either of the four hill stations.

Ans: I went to **any** of four hill stations.

4. Who did you meet on your way to school?

Ans: **Whom** did you meet on your way to school?

5. You must remember that you are junior than Hamid.

Ans: You must remember that you are junior **to** Hamid.

6. Aslam, as well as, his four friends were planning to visit the museum.

Ans: Aslam, as well as, his four friends **was** planning to visit the museum.

7. Where you went in the vacation?

Ans: Where **did** you **go** in the vacation?

8. This is the youngest and most intelligent of my two sons.

Ans: This is the **younger** and more intelligent of my two sons.

9. He is one of those who always succeed.

Ans: He is **the** one of those who always **succeeds**.

10. I congratulate you for your success.

Ans: I congratulate you **on** your success.

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#### **Note:**

3. Either use for two persons or things and any used for more than two

4. Used instead of “who” as the object of a verb or preposition: "whom did he marry?"

5. Junior takes preposition **to**

6. If the first subject is singular, the verb is usually singular.

7. Follow simple interrogative rule.

8. Use of Comparative degree instead of superlative.

9. Use of article + use of verb as regards to singular subject.

10. Congratulates takes preposition **on**



### Paper - 2003

**Q: Correct the following sentences:**

(1) The hostel provides boarding and lodging to students.

Ans: The hostel provides **board and lodging** to students.

(2) My cousin-brother will come to meet me.

Ans: My **Half-brother** will come to meet me.

(3) He lives backside of my house.

Ans: He lives backside **to** my house.

(4) You have read it. Isn't it?

Ans: You have read it. **Haven't you?**

(5) We discussed about this question.

Ans: We discussed this question.

(6) I am studying in an University for an year.

Ans: I have been studying in **a** University for a year.

(7) Neither he nor I are at fault.

Ans: Neither he nor I **am** at fault.

(8) The committee have issued a notice.

Ans: The committee **has** issued a notice.

(9) One must boast of his great qualities.

Ans: One must boast of **one's** great qualities.

(10) . It is one of the best speeches that has ever been made in the General Assembly.

Ans: It is one of the best speeches that **have** ever been made in the General Assembly.

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### **Note**

1. Board and Lodging is correct word
3. Backside takes preposition to
5. Discuss when used as verb does not take any preposition.
6. Use of right tense and right articles.
7. Usage of Neither takes helping verb of last subject
8. The committee is a collective noun that takes singular verb.
9. One's should be use instead of his when we use One.
10. Subject verb agreement.



### Paper - 2004

**Q: Correct the following sentences:**

(1) Passing through ten different cities, Karachi is the most active

Ans: **While** passing through ten different cities, **I found** Karachi **was** the most active

(2) He was laid up for six weeks with two broken ribs

Ans: He **was lying up** for six weeks with two broken ribs

(3) Someone showed the visitors in the room

Ans: Someone showed the room to the visitors.

(4) Until you remain idle you will make no progress.

Ans: **So long as** you remain idle you will make no progress.

(5) It is very wrong to be devoted to lying and cheating

Ans: It is very wrong **to devote oneself** to lying and cheating

(6) He told me that he is waiting for me since a long time.

Ans: He told me that **he had been waiting** for me **for** a long time.

(7) The house stood up in the dull street because of its red door.

Ans: The house stood up **dull in the street** because of its red door.

(8) He brought the articles to the market which he wanted to sell

Ans: He brought the articles which he wanted to sell to the market.

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### **Note:**

1. Once you start in past you always end in past.
2. Use of Past continuous Tense
3. Use of Correct arrangement of words.
4. We do not use the word 'until' because it means to talk about a state or action that will continue to a certain point.
5. Verb such as "Devote" immediately takes reflexive pronouns after them.
7. Use of Correct arrangement of words.
8. The relative pronouns such as who, that and which should be used before the clause of sentence to which they stress out.



### Paper - 2005

**Q: Correct the following sentences:**

(1) What does a patient tell a doctor it is confidential?

Ans: What a patient tells a doctor is confidential.

2) It is a fact that I almost drowned makes me very careful about water safety whenever I go swimming

Ans: **The fact that** I almost drowned makes me very careful about water safety whenever I go swimming."

3) Did they not consider this as quiet convincing

Ans: Did they not consider this as **quite** convincing?

4) St Peter's at Rome is the largest of all other churches

Ans; St Peter's **of / in** Rome is the largest of all other churches

5) The amount they receive in wages is greater than twenty years ago

Ans: The amount they receive in wages is greater **than that of** twenty years ago

6) They succeeded with hardly making any effort.

Ans: They succeeded hardly making any effort

7) Whatever have you done!

Ans: Whatever have you done?

8) The officers were given places according to their respective ranks.

Ans: The officers were given places according to their ranks.



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**Paper - 2006**

**Q: Correct the following sentences:**

(1) Playing a game regularly is better than to read books always.

Ans: **To play a game** regularly is better than to read books always.

(2) A good reader must be hardworking and possess intelligence.

Ans: A good reader **should** be hardworking and intelligent.

(3) I noticed Akbar was carrying a bag in his hand.

Ans: I noticed **that** Akbar was carrying a bag in his hand.

(4) Having entered his house, the door was shut at one.

Ans: **After** having entered his house, the door was shut at **once** .

(5) He thinks that his writing is better than his friend.

Ans: He thinks that his writing is better than **that of** his friend.

(6) He is such a man who is liked by everyone.

Ans: He is such a man! Who is liked by everyone

(7) I sent a verbal message to my friend.

Ans: I sent **an oral** message to my friend.

(8) He has visited as many historical places as one has or can visit.

Ans: He has visited as many historical places as one **can have** or **could** visit.





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**Paper - 2007**

**Q: Correct the following sentences:**

1) Either of these three umbrellas will suit me.

Ans: **Any** of these three umbrellas will suit me.

2) Shall you not take my word in this matter?

Ans: **Will** you not take my word in this matter?

3) This poor man was suffering much for a long time past,

Ans: This poor man was suffering **much for a long time**.

4) If he had not died, he would grow up to be a murderer.

Ans: If he had not died, he would **have grown** up to be a murderer.

5) Neither he nor I are in the wrong.

Ans: Neither he nor I **am** in the wrong.

6) It is high time they mend this road.

Ans: It is high time they **mended** this road.

7) I heard him went down the stairs.

Ans: I heard him **going** down the stairs.

8) Paper is made of wood.

Ans: Paper is made **from** wood.

Mega Lecture



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**Paper - 2008**

**Q: Correct the following sentences:**

i. Please tell me where is your brother?

Ans: Tell me please, where is your brother? Or Tell me where is your brother, please?

ii. Sajjad as well as Saleem were late.

Ans: Sajjad as well as Saleem **was** late.

iii. He is the most cleverest boy in the class.

Ans: He is the cleverest boy in the class.

iv. I have met him last month.

Ans: I met him last month.

vi. Nothing but novels please him.

Ans: Nothing **pleases** him but novels.

vii. The teacher gave the boy an advice which he refused.

Ans: The teacher gave the boy **a piece of advice** which he refused.

viii. He brought the articles to the market which he wanted to sell.

Ans: He brought the articles which he wanted to sell to the market.

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**Paper - 2009**

**Q: Correct the following sentences:**

(i) He swore from God.

Ans: He swore **to** God

(ii) Is your dress different than mine?

Ans: Is your dress different than **that of** mine?

(iii) He inquired whether I live in Karachi.

Ans: He inquired whether I **have lived** in Karachi

(iv) He spoke these words upon his face.

Ans: He spoke these words **on** his face

(v) They ran direct to their college.

Ans: They ran **directly** to their college

(vi) I shall not come here unless you will not call me.

Ans: I shall not come here unless you call me.

(vii) They have been building a wall since three days.

Ans: They have been building a wall **for** three days.

(viii) He does not have some devotion to his studies.

Ans: He does not have **any** devotion to his studies.



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**Paper - 2010**

**Q: Correct the following sentences:**

1) This house is built of brick and stone.

Ans: This house is built **from** bricks and stones.

2) The climate of Pakistan is better than England?

Ans: The climate of Pakistan is better than **that of** England.

3) He swore by God

Ans: He swore **to** God.

4) You ought to have regarded him your benefactor.

Ans: You ought to have regarded him **as** your benefactor.

5) My friend is very ill; i hope he will soon die.

Ans: My friend is very ill, I fear he will die soon.

6) He is waiting for better and promising opportunity.

Ans: He is waiting for better and **more promising** opportunity.

7) When I shall see her I will deliver her your gift.

Ans: When I see her, I will deliver her your gift

8) Many a sleepless nights she spent.

Ans: Many a sleepless night she spent.



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**Paper - 2011**

**Q: Correct the following sentences:**

(1) Please speak to concerned clerk

Ans: Please **talk** to concerned clerk.

(2) You have got time too short for that

Ans: You have not enough time for that. Or You have gotten time too short for that.

(3) Not only he was a thief, but he was also a murderer

Ans: Not only he was a thief, but also a murderer.

(4) They thought that plan would be succeeded.

Ans: They thought that plan would have been succeeded

(5) It is unlikely that he wins the race

Ans: It is unlikely he wins race

(6) My uncle has told me something about it yesterday.

Ans: My uncle told me something about it yesterday.

(7) I hoped that by the time I would have got there it would have stop raining

Ans: I hoped that by the time I would have got there it would have **stopped** raining

(8) They prevented driver to stop

Ans: they prevented driver from stopping



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**Paper - 2012**

**Q: Correct the following sentences:**

i A ten-feet long snake made people run here and there.

Ans: A ten-foot long snake made people run here and there

ii We are going to the concert, and so they are.

Ans: We are going to the concert so they are.

iii Enclosed with this letter was a signed Affidavit and a carbon copy of his request to our main office.

Ans: Enclosed with this letter were a signed affidavit and a carbon copy of his request to our main office.

iv Fear from God

Ans: Fear God

v Pakistan has and will support the Kashmiris

Ans: Pakistan has supported and will support the Kashmiris.

vi He has come yesterday.

Ans: He came yesterday

vii Arshad's down fall was due to nothing else than pride.

Ans: Arshad's downfall was due to nothing else but pride.

viii Do not avoid to consult a doctor.

Ans: Do not avoid consulting a doctor